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The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey
William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane
Assistant to the President for
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The White House

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Yours,

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Attached is a response to Hamilton's 20 August letter indicating that you are sending it to Bud McFarlane for his consideration and a note to McFarlane to the same effect.

We have checked with Tom Latimer to make sure that this would be okay.

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